

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) Footwear comprising a sole that supports a foot, and a cover that is attached to said sole, and covers at least a part of the instep of the foot, wherein said sole comprises an outer frame forming the outline of said sole, and an inside member formed by combining, in an appropriate manner, bar-like or plate-like crosspiece elements installed in said outer frame at appropriate intervals.
2. (Original) The footwear according to claim 1, wherein the intervals between said crosspiece elements next to each other are set to 1/3 to 3 times of the width of said crosspiece element.
3. (Currently Amended) The footwear according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein peripheral surface shapes of said outer frame and said crosspiece elements are formed into an easily separating shape that facilitates easy separation of attached sands and the like.
4. (Currently Amended) The footwear according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein a plurality of said crosspiece elements are provided at an even interval along the lengthwise direction of said sole.
5. (Currently Amended) The footwear according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein said crosspiece elements are made of a transparent or half-transparent synthetic resin material, and the synthetic resin material contains an ingredient providing a design effect.
6. (Original) Footwear comprising a sole that supports a foot, and a cover that is attached to said sole, and covers at least a part of the instep of the foot, wherein a plurality of tilted hole parts are provided aslant in said sole such that bottom openings thereof are horizontally displaced from top openings thereof.

7. (Original) The footwear according to claim 6, wherein the diameter of said tilted hole part is at least 3 mm.

8. (Original) Footwear comprising a sole that supports a foot, and a cover that is attached to said sole, and covers at least a part of the instep of the foot, wherein said sole comprises an outer frame forming the outline of said sole, and an inside member formed by combining, in an appropriate manner, bar-like or plate-like crosspiece elements installed in said outer frame at appropriate intervals, and an opening part delimited by said outer frame and said inside member is formed aslant such that a bottom opening thereof is horizontally displaced from a top opening thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) The footwear according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the footwear is a sandal.

10. (Currently Amended) The footwear according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein the footwear is an indoor shoe.

11. (Currently Amended) The footwear according to claim 10~~9~~, wherein a ventilation hole is formed on said cover.

12. (New) The footwear according to claim 6, wherein the footwear is a sandal.

13. (New) The footwear according to claim 6, wherein the footwear is an indoor shoe.

14. (New) The footwear according to claim 13, wherein a ventilation hole is formed on said cover.

15. (New) The footwear according to claim 8, wherein the footwear is a sandal.

16. (New) The footwear according to claim 8, wherein the footwear is an indoor shoe.

17. (New) The footwear according to claim 16, wherein a ventilation hole is formed on said cover.